

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of this application, as amended.

The specification has been revised to correct the incorporation by reference statement as required by the Decision on Petition, mailed March 28, 2008. A renewed petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3) is also being filed herewith.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of Claims 1-6, 8-12, 18, 23, and 24 and the indication of allowable subject matter in Claims 21 and 22.

Without acceding to the outstanding rejections, Claim 21 has been canceled and the subject matter recited therein incorporated into Claim 16. Thus, Claim 16 should now be in condition for allowance. Claims 17, 19, 20, and 22, which depend from Claim 16, should also now be in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, Claims 1-6, 8-12, 16-20, and 22-24 are in condition for allowance, and an Early Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 (T4342-14198US18) any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been separately requested, such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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